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2 Q. Either one.

3 A. I know that he didn't sign it
4 blank. It was full.

5 Q. How do you know that?

6 A. Because the paperwork was full.
7 Because Julio, before he handed him the
8 paperwork to sign, it was all stacked up beside
9 him. I don't remember what it was exactly. I
10 know the contract was one of them.

11 Q. Which contract?

12 A. The M&T one. The retail
13 installment contract.

14 Q. Exhibit C?

15 A. Exhibit C, yes.

16 Q. So what were you saying about
17 Defendant's Exhibit C?

18 A. I know that Exhibit C, Exhibit B,
19 the DMV paperwork, and the other paperwork was
20 all in that office. I don't know which one he
21 was signing exactly, but I remember that they
22 were all full. And I remember seeing all the
23 paperwork that needed to be signed. But I
24 don't know if he signed the contract before I
25 went in or after. But I know it was full.

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2 Q. So you're saying he could have
3 signed blank papers and then it could have been
4 printed out after?

5 A. No, I never said that.

6 Q. Is that true?

7 A. No, that wouldn't happen.

8 Q. You assume it wouldn't happen,
9 but you don't know as to Mr. Tuhin's case
10 specifically, from what you saw yourself?

11 A. No, I know for a fact, because I
12 saw all the paperwork. It was full. I
13 remember seeing this one and another -- it was
14 a few copies of the bill of sale, Exhibit C,
15 and other documents that were there. They were
16 all completely full, and he was signing. Like
17 I said, I don't know if he signed it before I
18 walked into the office and Julio had put it
19 aside, or if he was getting ready to sign them.

20 Q. Okay. We kind of got back and
21 forth a few times on the question, so I just
22 want to make sure I'm entirely clear.

23 Do you remember seeing Exhibit B
24 when you saw Mr. Tuhin the first time he was
25 there? Do you remember seeing Exhibit B?

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2 A. Yes. I don't remember seeing
3 exactly what it said, but I remember seeing it
4 completed.

5 Q. By "completed," you mean what?

6 A. Printed out like that.

7 Q. With information about the service
8 contract and so forth?

9 A. Yes. But I don't -- I didn't see
10 the numbers or anything like that.

11 Q. What would you call Exhibit B?
12 What kind of document is it?

13 A. Bill of sale.

14 Q. Bill of sale?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. This was two years ago, almost two
17 years ago. Talking about Exhibit C, do you
18 remember being in the room for just a few --
19 how long were you in the room for?

20 A. Probably two minutes or a minute.

21 Q. Okay. And what was the reason you
22 went into the room?

23 A. I had to get something. I don't
24 remember what it was.

25 Q. Nothing to do with Mr. Tuhin?

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2 A. No.

3 Q. So you go into the room almost two
4 years ago for a minute or two to grab something
5 for another matter. Are you saying that you
6 specifically remember seeing, for example,
7 Exhibit C, fully completed?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Are you saying from your one or
10 two minutes going into the office for another
11 matter, that you specifically remember seeing
12 Exhibit B fully completed?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did New York Motor Group have
15 consumers sign multiple bills of sale?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Why?

18 A. It was different copies that went
19 to different departments, sent to different
20 departments.

21 Q. But the numbers would be the same?

22 A. Yes, they should all be the same.

23 Q. I'm showing you what was
24 previously marked as Defendant's Exhibit C from
25 Mr. Tuhin's deposition -- D, I'm sorry.

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2 Defendant's Exhibit D from Mr. Tuhin's
3 deposition. The exhibit sticker is dated
4 October 27, 2014. Do you know if Mr. Tuhin
5 signed a completed version of Exhibit D on the
6 day that you went into the room for one to two
7 minutes?

8 A. Yes. I saw a few copies of
9 Exhibit D. And I saw a few copies of the bill
10 of sale -- I think it was three or two, but I
11 know it was more than one.

12 Q. Do you know if those were all
13 specifically for Mr. Tuhin?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How do you know that?

16 A. Because he was the only client in
17 there signing paperwork.

18 Q. So you're not talking about a
19 carbon? You're talking about three different
20 bills of sale?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Why are there three different
23 bills of sale as to Mr. Tuhin?

24 A. To my acknowledgment, there's more
25 than one because it's sent out to different

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2 departments.

3 Q. But don't they come in terms of
4 duplicates and triplicates?

5 A. Yes, they do. Like I said, I
6 don't know why Julio had them sign multiple
7 copies, but he told me it's to be sent out to
8 different departments.

9 Q. Do you know one way or the other
10 if it was a regular practice of New York Motor
11 Group for the entire time you were there, for
12 consumers to sign multiple copies of bills of
13 sale?

14 A. Yes. Because when I saw it I had
15 actually questioned Julio. I'm like, "Why is
16 there more than one?" He's like, "It's sent
17 out to" -- he named just different departments.

18 Q. And you saw that as a common
19 practice in New York Motor Group from October
20 2012 through December 2013?

21 A. I don't remember it when Angel was
22 working there, because he was there for a short
23 period of time, and I really didn't touch any
24 of the paperwork when he was working there.

25 Q. But for the entire time that

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2 Mr. Estrada worked there?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. When did he start working there?

5 A. December. I didn't see it when he
6 first started in December. But when I did see
7 it, I had questioned him. And that's what he
8 was doing on a regular --

9 Q. Regular basis?

10 A. Mm-hmm.

11 Q. You have to say "Yes."

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you believe he was doing that
14 on a regular basis from December 2012 forward?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So from the very beginning when
17 Mr. Estrada was working there at New York Motor
18 Group, he would have consumers sign multiple
19 copies of buyer's orders; correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Is it "bill of sale" or "buyer's
22 orders"?

23 A. Bill of sale.

24 Q. Documents that are like Exhibit B?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. Mr. Estrada for the entire time
3 that he worked there beginning in December of
4 2012, would he have consumers sign multiple
5 copies of retail installment contracts like
6 Exhibit C?

7 A. No.

8 Q. How do you know that?

9 A. Because there was always only one
10 contract in the deal jacket.

11 Q. By "contract," you mean the retail
12 installment contract?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I just want to get the terminology
15 straight. What we're calling Exhibit B is that
16 what's called a "bill of sale"?

17 A. That's what I call a bill of sale.

18 Q. Just so the record is clear, even
19 if the term is wrong: If you call it a "bill
20 of sale," you mean a document that looks like
21 Defendant's Exhibit B?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Would you see in the deal file for
24 consumers, from December of 2012 forward,
25 multiple copies of bills of sale?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. All the way beginning in December
4 of 2012?

5 A. Like I said, I don't remember the
6 first few months, but when I did notice it I
7 did question Julio, and that's what he had told
8 me.

9 Q. Let's talk about the deal files.
10 You would physically get the deal files?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What is a deal file?

13 A. It has the customer's information
14 in it. DMV paperwork, bank paperwork,
15 customer's paperwork, license, everything like
16 that.

17 Q. So finance paperwork, you mean
18 things like the buyer's order?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And retail installment contract?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And credit applications?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And statements about people's
25 income?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Trade-in information?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Credit applications?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Credit reports?

8 A. Yes -- well, no. Credit reports,
9 they were ran on the computer. They were never
10 printed out. We're not allowed to keep credit
11 reports in the files.

12 Q. Dealertrack information; would
13 that be in the deal file?

14 A. Sometimes.

15 Q. What is Dealertrack?

16 A. It -- I forget what it was. I
17 remember seeing in a few folders something
18 about Dealertrack. I forgot what it was, it's
19 been so long.

20 Q. Just generally speaking, do you
21 know what Dealertrack is?

22 A. If I could refresh my memory, yes.
23 I know, but I don't know right now.

24 Q. All right. Well, you'll get the
25 chance, I assume.

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2 MR. KESHAVARZ: Let me strike
3 that.

4 A. Oh, I'm sorry. Dealertrack is
5 where we submit the customer's applications.
6 There we go.

7 Q. And would that information be
8 printed out and put in the file?

9 A. The customer's credit ap, yes, but
10 not the customer's credit report.

11 Q. The approval process for financing
12 for Mr. Tuhin and consumers generally at New
13 York Motor Group; that is generally done
14 electronically on computers, right?

15 A. I think so. I don't know. I
16 never did it.

17 Q. You didn't do it yourself?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Would you see in the deal file the
20 credit application information?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Would you see printouts?

23 A. I would see a bank printout,
24 whatever bank it is. And it says "approved."

25 Q. You talked about a two-day gap.

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2 Do you mean a two-day gap between when the deal
3 is approved and when the deal gets funded?

4 A. No.

5 Q. What do you mean by a "two-day
6 gap"?

7 A. When -- I'm not sure, because it
8 wasn't my job, but to my acknowledgment it was
9 after the client signed paperwork, signed
10 everything, and the paperwork was sent to the
11 bank to get -- for the loan to process.

12 Q. But from New York Motor Group's
13 view the deal is not completed until they
14 actually get the payment from the bank?

15 A. I don't know how it works.

16 Q. That's fine. When you saw the
17 buyer's order -- like Exhibit B -- you would
18 see multiple copies for consumers on a regular
19 basis in the deal file; right?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. SIMON: Note my objection. I
22 don't believe she said that was the
23 buyer's order; she said that was a "bill
24 of sale."

25 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes, a bill of

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2 sale.

3 MR. KESHAVARZ: That was my
4 mistake. Just to clarify, I defined
5 that in my letters as the "purchase
6 order."

7 THE WITNESS: Oh, do you?

8 MR. KESHAVARZ: Whatever it is --

9 MR. SIMON: She calls it the bill
10 of sale.

11 Q. Whatever it is, it's a document
12 that looks like Exhibit B; right?

13 A. Mm-hmm. Yes.

14 MR. SIMON: But nobody called it
15 the buyer's order.

16 MR. KESHAVARZ: Purchase order?

17 MR. SIMON: The purchase order,
18 the final purchase order. The M&T
19 document is the retail installment loan
20 contract.

21 Q. What would you do with the deal
22 file when you got it?

23 A. I would file it in the file
24 cabinets.

25 Q. Would you look at any of the

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2 papers?

3 A. Sometimes.

4 Q. Did you notice if multiple copies
5 of what we're calling the "bill of sale" --
6 which your counsel may call the "purchase
7 order" -- did you notice if those documents had
8 different numbers on them?

9 A. I don't think so.

10 Q. Generally for consumers at New
11 York Motor Group, did you notice one way or the
12 other?

13 A. If the numbers were different?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. The numbers always matched at the
16 end, but along the lines they weren't always
17 there, but the ending number always matched.

18 Q. When you say the numbers "weren't
19 always there," what do you mean?

20 A. For example, like this one -- like
21 Exhibit D.

22 MR. SIMON: She is referring to
23 the Tuhin documents that were marked as
24 exhibits at Tuhin's deposition.

25 MR. KESHAVARZ: Correct.

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2 A. See, this one. [Indicating.]

3 Q. "This one," looking at Exhibit D.

4 A. Looking at Exhibit D, it does not
5 have Exhibit B's "4700" charge, but the ending
6 numbers match. So the different charges are
7 not on Exhibit D, but Exhibit D and Exhibit B
8 ending numbers match.

9 MR. SIMON: No, no, no.

10 MR. ELTOUBY: [Inaudible]

11 MR. SIMON: Please let her do it.

12 Don't say anything to her.

13 Q. For Mr. Tuhin, you remember when
14 you went into the office for two or three
15 minutes that there were multiple copies of what
16 we're calling "bills of sale"?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Not just carbon copies, but actual
19 different ones?

20 A. Yes. I don't know if there were
21 three or two, but I know there was more than
22 one.

23 Q. Did you notice if they were all
24 completed?

25 A. Yes, they were all completed.

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2 Q. Do you know why they would be
3 completed with different numbers?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Now I'm going to go to the super
6 secret questions that I was handed.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. Ready?

9 A. Mm-hmm.

10 Q. Did your father purchase a vehicle
11 just before the protests, if you remember?

12 MR. SIMON: I didn't hear the
13 question.

14 Q. The protest we're talking about;
15 do you know if your father had just purchased a
16 vehicle before that?

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. Let's talk about the protests.
19 You said the police were called. Were the
20 police called both times?

21 A. No, just the first time.

22 Q. Whichever time it was, did you
23 have any interaction with the police?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What do you remember from that?

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2 A. I asked them if they had a permit
3 or if they're allowed to protest. And he said
4 that they are allowed, because it's under a
5 certain number -- that they don't need a
6 permit. And that was really it. And he said
7 that unless it gets violent there's nothing
8 that they can do.

9 Q. Did they get violent?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Do you remember if you went into
12 the cabinets at the dealership and got any
13 financing or sales papers from Mr. Tuhin's deal
14 to show them to the police? Or do you remember
15 that at all?

16 A. Yes, that actually did happen. It
17 was him and the other client -- I don't
18 remember the other client's name -- that was
19 protesting with him. We pulled both of them to
20 show to the police, because he was asking us
21 why they were angry and why they were doing
22 what they were doing.

23 I think Mr. Tuhin was telling the
24 police officer what happened and then he was
25 questioning -- my father was there at the time

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2 and that's when the police officer told my
3 father, "See if you could come to an
4 understanding with him." That's when my father
5 went outside to calm them down, and they walked
6 over to 7-Eleven and the police had left before
7 my dad had went outside.

8 Q. So did you give the police officer
9 some of the papers that were in the files?

10 A. Yes, because they wanted to see
11 them.

12 Q. Did they claim that they weren't
13 given all the papers?

14 A. I don't remember, I don't
15 remember. I'm just trying to remember, but I
16 don't remember. But I know that the police
17 officers did -- you know, we did show them the
18 paperwork and everything.

19 Q. Do you recall if you gave the
20 police officer any of the papers?

21 A. To take with them, no.

22 Q. You don't recall; or, no, you
23 didn't?

24 A. We didn't give them paperwork to
25 take with them. We just showed them the

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2 paperwork.

3 Q. Do you recall if the police
4 officer actually returned the papers that you
5 showed him or her?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You remember that?

8 A. Yes. It's been so long, I'm
9 sorry.

10 Q. That's fine. All you can do is
11 sitting here today what you remember.

12 A. That's what I'm trying to do.

13 Q. That's all you can do.

14 MR. SIMON: I'm confused. I
15 thought you were asking if the
16 dealership, if she gave the complainant
17 paperwork -- or was it the police
18 officer? I'm now confused by the whole
19 scenario.

20 A. You were asking if I gave the
21 police paperwork; correct?

22 Q. Did you give any paperwork to
23 anyone during the protests?

24 A. No, I don't remember, sorry.

25 Q. Don't be sorry. If you don't

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2 remember, you don't remember. Did you give the
3 papers to your father during the protest?

4 A. I don't remember.

5 Q. Do you remember giving any of the
6 papers to any of the protesters?

7 A. No.

8 Q. No, you don't remember; or, no,
9 you didn't?

10 A. No, we didn't.

11 MR. KESHAVARZ: Your father wants
12 to say something.

13 MR. ELTOUBY: I remember very good
14 when the police officer came.

15 MR. SIMON: He will depose you
16 afterward.

17 THE WITNESS: He'll remember more
18 than I will, because he spoke to the
19 police officers and the protesters.

20 Q. That was one of the super secret
21 questions.

22 MR. GROSSMAN: Can we take a
23 break, counselor?

24 MR. KESHAVARZ: Sure. Go ahead.

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2 (A discussion is held off the
3 record. Brief recess is taken. Time
4 noted: 3:18 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

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6 Q. So we were talking about
7 conversations with Mr. Tuhin earlier.

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And we talked about the first time
10 you met him when he first signed the papers.
11 Do you remember that?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And then we talked about when you
14 met him during the protests; do you remember
15 that?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Did you see him at any time
18 between those two appointments?

19 A. Not between the protests, no.

20 Q. After the protests?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What do you remember about that?

23 A. I remember seeing him again. He
24 came in because he had come to an agreement
25 with my father, and he came in to see Julio and

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2 my -- no, he just came in to see Julio, because
3 my father explained to him what the
4 understanding was that they came to.

5 Q. How do you know your father
6 explained to him the understanding that he came
7 to?

8 A. Because my father went into
9 Julio's office and told him. I don't know what
10 was said, but I know he was explaining to him
11 that they came to an understanding.

12 Q. Is that the time he was crying, or
13 a different time?

14 A. No. The first time he was crying,
15 I wasn't really talking to him. He was talking
16 to the sales manager and toward the end when he
17 was leaving, I had noticed that he was crying.
18 I asked the sales manager what was going on,
19 and he had explained to me. That was the first
20 time that he came in after he purchased the
21 vehicle.

22 Q. Who was the sales manager?

23 A. At the time it was Mohammed.

24 Q. Do you know what Mohammed's last
25 name is?